

REMARKS

Claims 59-70 were pending. Applicants have hereinabove canceled without prejudice claim 69. No new matter has been added by this Amendment. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter this Amendment. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 59-68 and 70 will be pending.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 69 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

Without admitting or acquiescing to the merits of this rejection and solely in order to expedite issuance of the instant application, applicants have canceled claim 69 hereinabove without prejudice. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 69 is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's statement in the Office Action that claims 59-68 and 70 are now allowable. In view of applicants' cancellation of claim 69 hereinabove, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner expedite issuance of a Notice of Allowance for these allowable claims.

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No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this
Amendment. If any fee is deemed necessary, applicants hereby authorize such fee to be charged
to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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